

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended to remove the language on which the examiner bases his 35 USC 112 rejection, namely “, with the sales not via the network,” and to replace it with the phrase “over the counter” in order to place this case in allowable form. Note that this phrase is intended to be interpreted broadly to cover all manual retail operations, including the restaurant example discussed in applicant’s specification.

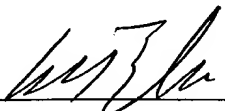
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejection is requested and an early passage to issue solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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